MINERAL KING PRESERVATION SOCIETY

2936 S. West Street
Visalia, California 93277

Dear Members and Friends: February 1988

It's that time again, and we are asking that you renew your membership in the Mineral King Preservation Society (MKPS) for 1988. A single membership is $10, and $15 per couple. Please consider a larger donation as much remains to be done to complete the application on the National Register of Historic Places.

What will it mean for Mineral King to be included on the National Register of Historic Places? It will involve a larger area with much more to document than the Atwell Mill Historic District. The Mineral King Valley will be recognized nationally for its contribution to Tulare County history and the history of California.

The activities and accomplishments of the MKPS this first year have consisted of informing the public about our organization, researching the history of Mineral King, on-site inspection of the area (consisting of 15 square miles), recording the historic sites, including four lakes with dam sites, and all structures were mapped and surveyed. John Elliott, Historian will return for a second year to complete the National Register application and guide us through the summer months.

Money from your memberships, donations, and the grant from the Mineral King District Association have been judiciously spent. These monies were used only for historical research, xeroxing, print costs and postage. Primary among the first year expenses were those of incorporation, gaining a non-profit status, and liability insurance. The activities (listed on a separate page) such as the "Luncheon at the Vintage Press", "MKPS Mining Display 1873-1900", "The Hike Down the Old Mineral King Road", and "Overnight Stay at the Historic Sweet Ranch (Grunigan's)" were accomplished through the efforts of volunteers and donations by private individuals.

With all the newspaper, radio, and T.V. coverage, along with the articles in the LOS TULARES (Tulare County Historical Society newsletter), the response from the public has been most enthusiastic and gratifying! Thanks to you all for photos and research materials you have loaned or donated. We have received pledges of continuing support in 1988 from the Tulare County Historical Society, The Mineral King National Bank in Visalia, and Boy Scout Troop #334, Lemon Cove. The scouts were super with their help down the Old Mineral King Road. Through the generosity of these groups and our membership, the MKPS will continue with its work and be a permanent repository for the history of Mineral King.

With your membership, you will be part of an active, viable organization of people who love Mineral King and are dedicated to its preservation.

Ora Kay Peterson

Ora Kay Peterson, Executive Director
Mineral King Preservation Society

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### MARCH 1988

TULARE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
and the
MINERAL KING PERSERVATION SOCIETY

A combined meeting to view the "Mineral King Preservation Society Mining Display 1873-1900" and show the slides of the "Hike Down the Old Mineral King Road", by Edward F. Peterson. A special presentation will be made to Boy Scout Troop #334, Lemon Cove, in appreciation for their help on this historic hike. (Mr. Joe Marks, Scoutmaster). Refreshments will be served.

Date: Sunday, March 27, 1988 (Palm Sunday)

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Mineral King National Bank
701 W. Main Street
Visalia, California

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### APRIL 1988

A special project of Scout Troop #334, Lemon Cove: A work party to help clear brush from the Old Mineral King Road to help keep this historic road cleared. If you would like to volunteer your help, please let Ora Kay Peterson know to get your name on the sign-up list - (209) 734-6150.

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### JULY 1988

2nd Annual "PICNIC IN THE PARK" in Mineral King

Date: Saturday, July 23, 1988

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: End of the M.K. Road, then west to the end of the private driveway towards old Sunny Point Campground.

This picnic will be for members of the MKPS and for anyone interested in joining the group. Please bring a sandwich (or whatever), something to sit on (chair or blanket). Punch and cookies will be provided. Update report by Historian John Elliott.

The program will be "Songs of the Yokut and Paiute Indians" presented by Mr. Al Pietroforte, College of the Sequoias.

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1. Over 400 mailings have been sent to people interested in Mineral King for memberships in the MKPS.
2. Mailings sent to cabin owners in Mineral King requesting detailed cabin histories, December 1986 - January 1987.
3. MKPS Luncheon at the Vintage Press in Visalia to honor 3 well-known Mineral King Historians, Miss Annie Mitchell, Mr. Joseph Doctor, Mr. Sol Sweet with Life Memberships in the MKPS, July 18, 1987.
4. Mr. Sol Sweet has been making speeches to local service clubs on Mineral King on behalf of the MKPS: April, County Center Rotary Club, Visalia; June, Tulare Rotary Club; August, Kiwanis Club, September, Sequoia Lions Club, both of Visalia; January 1988, Boy Scout Troop #334, Lemon Cove.
5. PRESS RELEASES sent to all newspapers in Tulare County requesting archival material on Mineral King, photos, maps, etc. June, July, August.
6. First Annual "Picnic in the Park" in Mineral King, July 18, 1987. Betty Knight, Acting Chief Park Interpreter, Historians Bill Tweed, NPS and John Elliott, MKPS.
7. MKPS members hiked to historical sites in Mineral King with John Elliott, June, July, August, September.
8. "MKPS Mining Display" artifacts and photos placed in the Mineral King Ranger Station, August 1987.
9. First time, all existing structures were mapped and surveyed in Mineral King, August 22, 23, 24, 1987.
10. John Elliott, MKPS Historian attended 2nd Annual Conference on Rural Preservation held in Hanford, October 14-16, 1987. Ora Kay Peterson and Elliott met Kathryn Gualtieri, State Historic Preservation Officer.
11. "MKPS Mining Display 1873-1900" was transported to the valley and placed in the Mineral King National Bank, 701 W. Main St., Visalia, Calif. It will remain in the bank until next summer when it will be returned to Mineral King. Bank Hrs: Mon.-Thur. 9AM-4:30PM; Fri. 9AM-6PM.
12. "Weekend Stay at the Historic Sweet Ranch" (Grunigan's), January 22-24, 1988. 32 people for dinner Sat. p.m.; 19 overnight; 21 for breakfast on Sunday a.m.
13. "Hike Down the Old Mineral King Road", January 23, 1988. Scout Troop #334, Lemon Cove placed historical trail markers and built a bridge to cross the East Fork of the Kaweah River, 60-65 people on the hike.

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